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Dear DHHS Employee,

The Senate Subcommittee on Human Resources released its recommended budget for the Department of Health and Human Services this afternoon.

We realize that these are tight budget times and we all need to do our part, but these cuts go well beyond mere belt-tightening. They cut to the quick and will prevent us from doing what we need to do for the people of North Carolina.

I want you to know that I am extremely concerned about what this budget would do to our state and our employees and their families. I also want you to know that I recognize the value of the work you do and your personal commitment to the people we serve. I pledge to you that I will do everything within my power to support our work. This is not a final budget. It is just a subcommittee recommendation, and we're going to work night and day to improve this budget.

I want you to know that I have faith in you and ask for your support as we work together for the people of this state.

Sincerely,

Carmen Hooker Buell

